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Good morning Chairman Black and committee members. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of AB 950.

The Department of Commerce and counties jointly administer a maintenance program for private sewage systems. Under current rules promulgated by Commerce counties are required to do an inventory of their private septic systems by October 1, 2011 and property owners must bring their septic systems into compliance by October 1, 2013.

AB 950 delays this timeline by giving counties until October 1, 2013 to do the inventory and extends the deadline for implementation to October 1, 2015. This will give homeowners five years from this October to put in new septic systems which can cost up to \$12,000, giving them time to save for this large investment. The bill incorporates the inventory requirement into the statutes, instead of establishing the timeline by administrative rule.

As you can see there is great bi-partisan support for AB 950. The co-sponsors of this legislation were contacted by constituents who are directly impacted by the current timeline and the bill was introduced in response to their concerns.

Thank you for your attention to this legislation and I would be happy to answer any questions.